

Minutes of the Annual Water User's Meeting
East Fork of Virgin River, February 28, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Lee Sim, Distribution Engineer for the Division of Water Rights at 10:00 A.M. in Orderville, Utah. Those in attendance were:

Gerry Hoyt	River Commissioner
Robert Ramsey	Orderville Irrigation Co.
Sharon Lamb	Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.
L. Dean Andersen	Glendale Irrigation Co.
Cleve Esplin	Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.
John D. Reese	Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.
Warren Foote	Barracks Ranch
Edward Myers	Thunderbird
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Kerry Carpenter	Division of Water Rights
Gerald Stoker	Division of Water Rights

The minutes of the 1990 meeting were read by Kerry Carpenter. Motion was made by Warren Foote to accept them as read. Seconded by Sharon Lamb. Motion carried.

Mr. Sim then read and explained the financial statement for 1990. Mr. Hoyt commented he had submitted a voucher for \$500.00 for travel that had not been indicated on the financial statement. Sharon Lamb also commented that the Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co. delinquency probably occurs because of a mailing address problem and asked that the notice be sent to his home address. Motion was made by Warren Foote to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by L. Dean Andersen. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoyt then presented his report for the 1990 water year. Flow of the river was quite low this past year, however the Glendale users received water throughout the irrigation season. This diversion needs some work done to decrease the approach velocity to the weir so that accurate measurements can be taken. Other concerns expressed by the commissioner were:

1. The crack should be filled in front of the weir at Major's diversion. The water flows under the weir.
- ✓ 2. The flume at Spencer Ranch is submerged and the ditch needs cleaning.
 - a. According to the Decree, Dale Spencer owns .06 cfs. from the river with other users getting their water from Jump-up Spring. We need install a weir to measure Jump-Up Spring.
3. Heaton Ranch needs to deepen the ditches to the fish ponds. The cattle tromp down the banks causing water to run onto the meadows.
- ✓ 4. Carroll's weir needs to be leveled and sealed so all the water goes through it.

5. C. F. Cleveland, Wayne Cox, and Spragues need to re-install their weir so the commissioner can measure water use.
6. Glendale needs to install a device to decrease approach velocity to the weir so accurate measurements can be taken.
7. Orderville needs to increase the notch width on the weir from 23 1/2" to 24".
8. Mt. Carmel weir is 5/8" out of level and needs repair. Their west weir concrete is breaking up and needs replacement.
9. A measuring device is needed at Morrison and Foote's Barrack's Ranch diversion.

A motion was then made by Robert Ramsey to accept the Commissioner's report as given. Seconded by L. Dean Andersen. Motion carried.

Mr. Sim then discussed the upcoming budget. He mentioned because of changes in regulations for State Retirement, the Commissioner's salary must be at least \$500.00 per month to be eligible for the retirement system. Options to this would be have the State office open a 401K account or to take the extra money as salary. It was decided by the group to have the extra funds taken as salary.

Bonding expense was increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

A motion made by Warren Foote was made to adopt the budget as follows:

Commissioner's salary	\$900.00
Social Security	69.00
Retirement eliminated	
Travel Expense	300.00
Bonding Expense	100.00
Health & Life Insurance Premiums	52.00
Annual Report	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>29.00</u>
1991 Total Budget	\$1500.00
1991 Assessment	\$1400.00

This was seconded by Robert Ramsey. Motion carried.

A motion was then made to reappoint Gerry Hoyt as commissioner for the 1991 season by Robert Ramsey. Seconded by L. Dean Anderson. All approved.

Discussion was opened up for appointment of committee members, and a chairman. Robert Ramsey made a motion to retain the committee as last year. Seconded by Cleve Esplin. Motion carried.

Sharon Lamb then had a question about who has the responsibility of dividing the water supply on the river system? Mr. Sim stated the Commissioner is the person who measures and divides the water at the river diversions. All dividing of water after that usually is the responsibility of the irrigation company.

He also inquired about the size of flow nozzles on the irrigation system sprinklers. Mr. Sim indicated that is up to the discretion of the irrigation company. Mr. Lamb also mentioned that the Parshall flume at Carroll's diversion is submerged and thus no measurement of water can be taken. Lee indicates it is the responsibility of the user to get the flume in operating condition. If the individual user won't repair measuring devices, the State Engineer can order the repair to be done.

Mr. Lamb also mentioned that the L.D.S. Church has thought of selling a portion of the Jump-Up Spring to others, he is interested in knowing how much they could sell. Mr. Stoker indicated that the water right is a decreed right and as such they could sell the whole if they desired. This would require a change application, with normal processing, publication and protest period being adhered to.

No further business or questions were raised and the meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.